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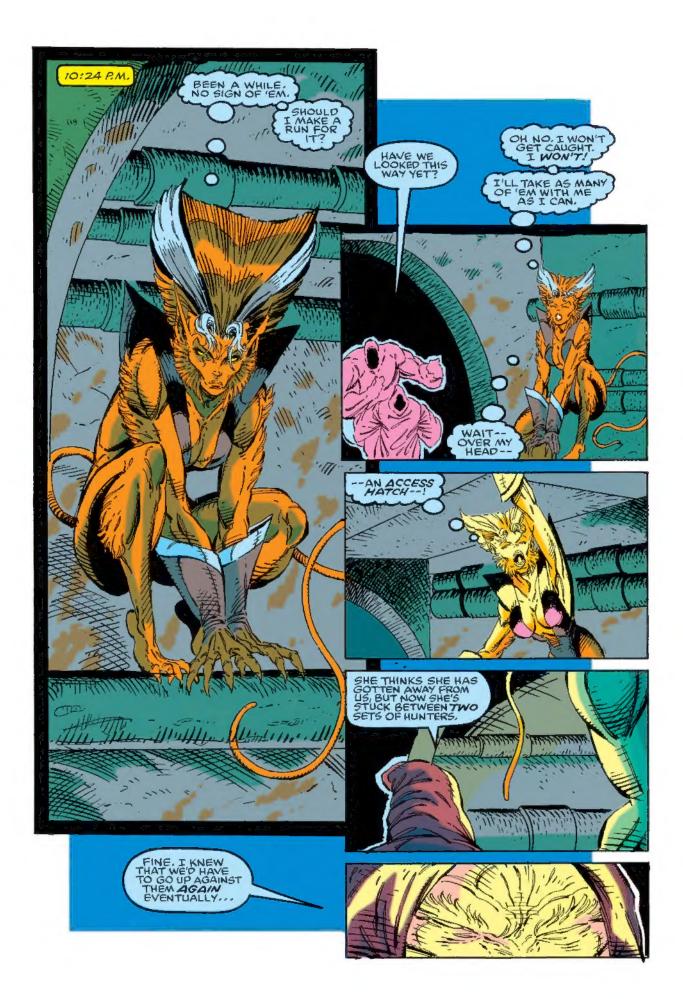
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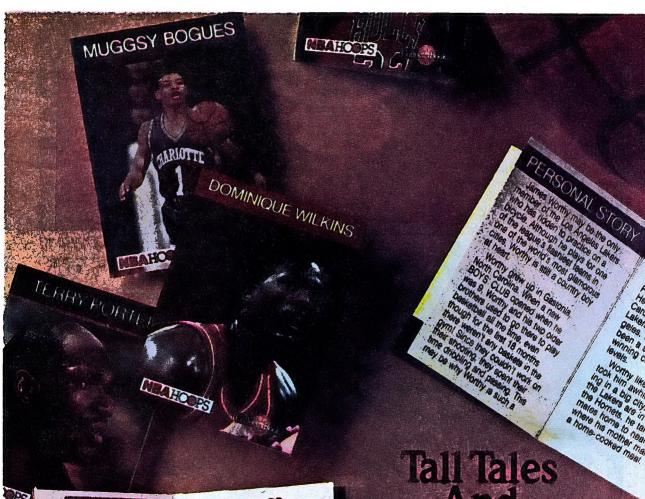


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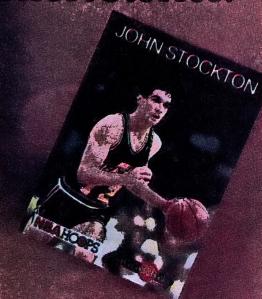


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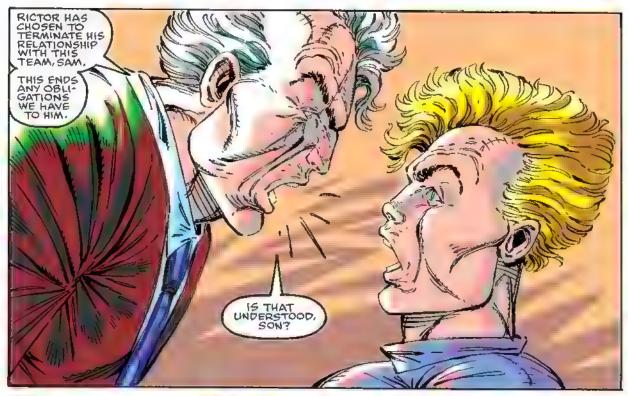
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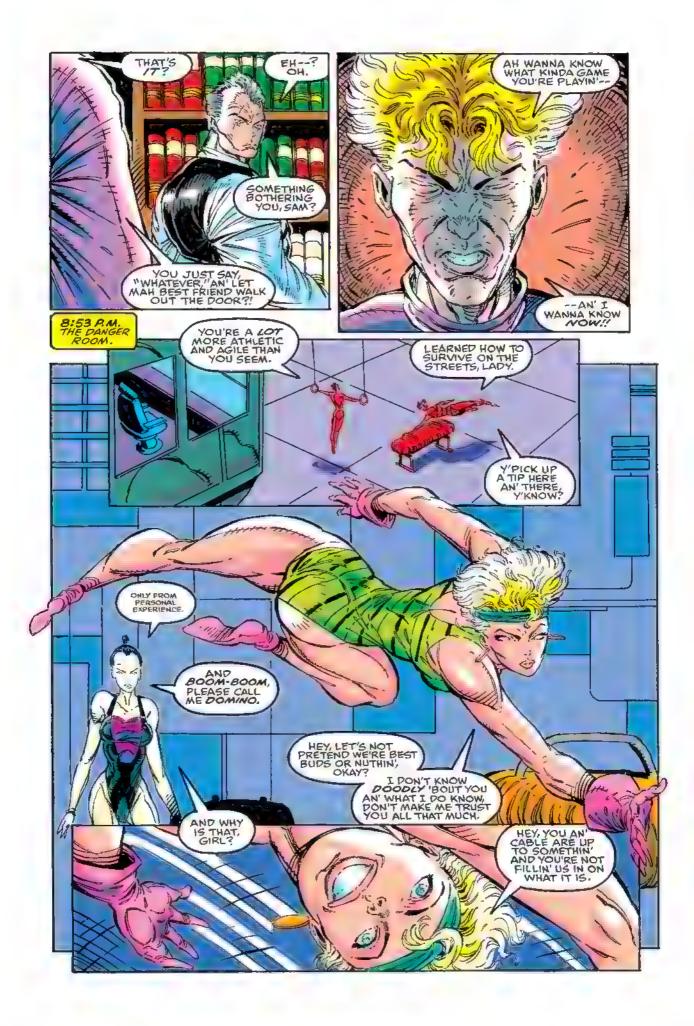












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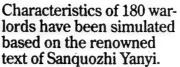
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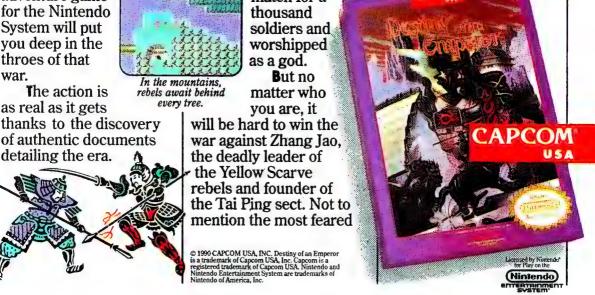
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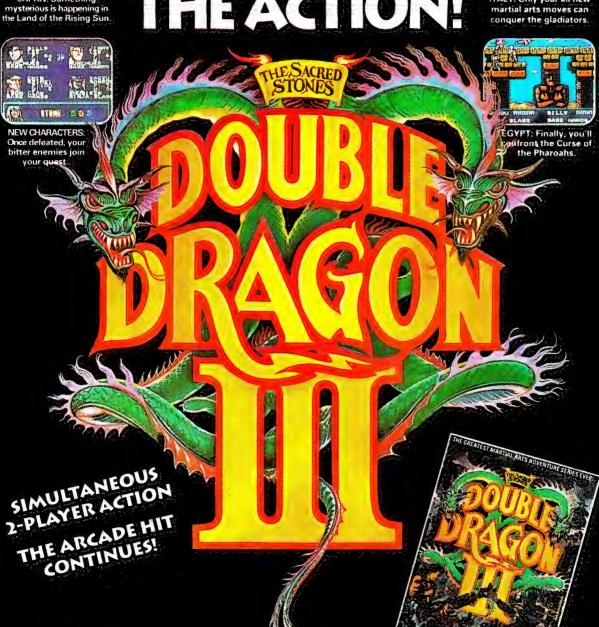
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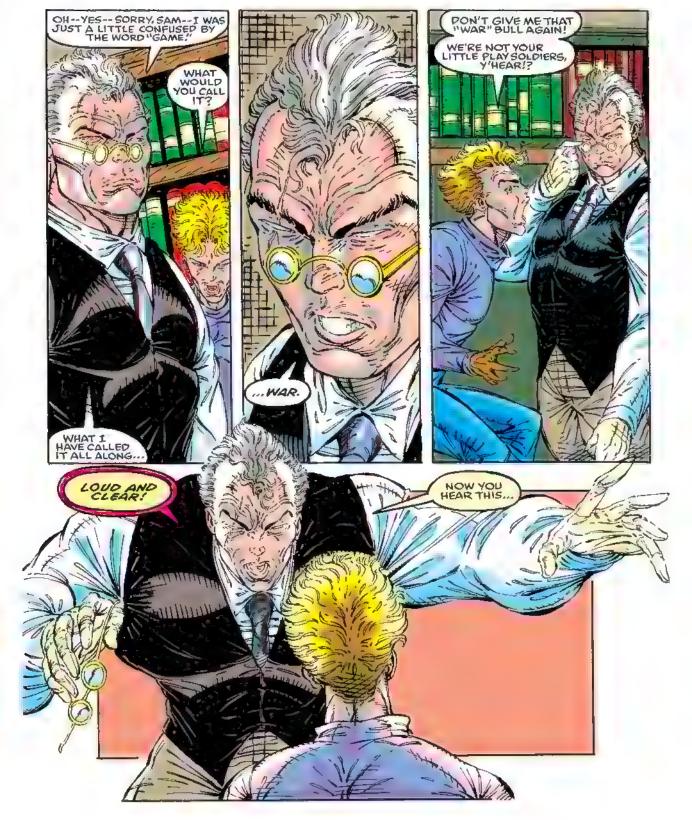


















# STAN'S SOAPBOX

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Hi, Heroes! Well, another year has rolled around and Dr. Doom still hasn't conquered the world, Wolverine hasn't gotten any gentler and Irving Forbush is still a klutz! In other words, all is well among the majestic minions of Marveldom!

Still, we can't let this fateful date come and go without zeroing in on some vitally important New Year's resolutions. Since I'm the guy writing this sanguine snippet of ponderous prose, it looks like the resolutions we're about to consider will be my very own!

First of all, I hereby recoive to stop huckstering our big new production for 1991, "The Marvel World of Tomorrow!" You've heard enough about it! I won't even tell you that we're about to change its

titanic title. Nor will i bombastically breathe a word about the fact that you'll learn the new name in our very next Soapbox! No sir, no more exasperating exploitation of the magnificently meritorious "Marvel World of Tomorrow" from now on!

Next, I valiantly yow to put a damper on my obnoxious overuse of agonizing alliteration! From now on, I'm gonna write as nicely, normally and naturally as everyone else! If I don't, may I be callously condemned to spend a miserable month wretchedly reading nothing but the melancholy mags of our daringly defiant and dismayingly Distinguished Competition!

Finally, I hereby resolve to write no Scapbox unless its theme is mightily meaningful and fraught with passionate profundity. No more shall any bantering words of mine serve to trivialize the

philosophical impact of our weighty Marvel tomes! Henceforth, each phrase! write shall be studded with sagacity, garnished with greatness, loaded with learning and imbued with intellectualism! I mean, hey, a guy's gotta keep up with his rollickin' readers!

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So here's wishing you the best of life's gifts for 1991, where the excitement and surprises we have in store for you will boggle your mind! But while you're being boggled, remember-it's time to take a Hulk to tea, to see what color his akin will

Excelsion

t's January again - wait a minute wasn't it January last month? Well, it was supposed to bel Heh heh . . . we seem to have gotten a little mixed up with our Bullpen Bulletins pages. Well, no use crying over spilled ink. Let's start this new year off right; what say we begin it with January?

January, as any Marveloid knows, is the month of making promises you have no intention of keeping for the purpose of atoning for your holiday excesses. So let's see what the Mighty Marvel freelancers have resolved for the coming year.

X-MEN super-scribe Chris Claremont resolved to become "a lean, mean, writing machine . . . with hair." (Chris noted that this resolution falls under the heading of "fantasy," but then acknowledged that since he writes mutants, anything is possible!)

Quasi-legendary pencil-pusher John Buscema, soon to make his triumphant return to THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, said his goal is "to try to get more money from Marvell"

Ultra-personable THOR penciler Ron Frenz said his ambition "is the same as every freelancer; to get all my projects on schedule. I want to get credit as the first one to say that." (Among those projects: the SPIDER-MAN CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN ADVENTURE book, which was scripted

by Peter David several years back).
The demi-diabolical Dan Chichester, who writes for HELLRAISER and SHIELD, said he intends "to solve that da'n puzzle box Marcus MoLaurin gave me last Christmasi"

Hotshot artist Tom Morgan has a simple goal To try to work on books that have an audience! I also want to improve my storytelling - I don't want to have an oldfashioned style. I also want to inform the fans of my upcoming work, such as my pencil and ink job in WHAT IF. . #24 "What if Wolverine Became Lord of the Vampires?"), and my upcoming EX-CALIBUR special with Michael Higgins." CONAN THE BARBARIAN neo-artist

Gary Hartle boasted, "I can guarantee that there will be no Punisher, Ghost Rider, or Wolverine team-ups in CONAN!"

Jim Startin, poly-prolific writer of the



SILVER SURFER as well as the upcoming INFINITY GAUNTLET Limited Series, said "I haven't done a New Year's Resolution in years. I'm perfect as I am!"

Mark Evanier, the multitacular scribe of GROO and HOLLYWOOD SUPERSTARS promised, "I'm going to resolve to avoid shameless plugs for HOLLYWOOD SUPERSTARS in the pages of GROO. Instead, I'll do it on the Bullpen Page, where it belongs."

DAREDEVIL's penciler without fear, Lee Weeks, said his resolution for the new year is "to not have any New Year's Resolutions!

Ultre-hot penciler Jim Lee has an admirable goal: "I want to refine my craft and hone my abilities to a higher plateau, OR to work on more commercial books, like the new X-MEN #1 I'm doing with Chris Claremont!"

Superstar inker Terry Austin said, "I resolve that next year, when I receive that box of home-baked Christmas cookies from Doctor Doom, I'll have them checked

out by the bomb squad before I take the first bite!"

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN'S THE amazing writer-man David Michelinie said, "I resolve to stop using the health problems of my imaginary friend, Stewart, as an excuse for missing my deadlines."

Penciler/inker extraordinaire Al Milgrom has an unusual goal. Said Al, "I resolve to finish everything that Danny Fingeroth has written that I am drawing." (That includes the DEADLY FOES OF SPIDER-MAN Limited Series, and an eighty-page FANTASTIC FOUR Graphic Novel called Fathers and Sons.")
And CAPTAIN AMERICA colorist

supreme Steve Buccellato's resolution is to become Rob Liefeld's first favorite colorist. I'm really shootin' for it."

As for your humble Bullpen Bulletin Page Assemblers, our only resolution is this: to get these fershlugginer things back on track again! See you next month!

(Let's see. . .next month would be March, right?)



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## A TIME TO CHANGE ...

Hey, folks, hope you don't mind that we're taking some space on the of letters page to make some special announcements about some momentous changes!

First, Issue #97 marked Louise Simonson's last on this title. Weezle has guided the mutants through some of their most dynamic changes: The loss of Doug, the transformation of Illyana, the betrayal of Magneto as well as the introduction of Cablel But, now Weezle moves on to other projects and we wish her the best of luck!

As for the Mutants themselves, they are in the capable hands of plotter/artist Rob Liefeld and scripter Fablan Nicleza. Rob has a lot of ideas for the book, and we're all excited about them.

But . .

The biggest change of all is that issue 100 — a mere one month away — will be our giant-sized final issue

That's right, final. After that, New Mutants will be no more.

Why, you ask? After all, this is an in-

credibly popular book.
Why? Because the New Mutants have grown up. They aren't x-babies anymore. Cable's entry into the series has transformed the team - he has matured them. The title 'New Mutants' just didn't fit them.

It was time for a change.

Thus, in June, Cable and company will return in a new series called X-FORCE! There will be a lot of changes, a lot of surprises and we think you're gonna like

Dear gang at NEW MUTANTS.

I just read NEW MUTANTS #98 and boy oh boy! Gideon is awesome! I'm betting he and Mr. Tolliver have something in common. Deadpool is terrific. I only have one complaint, tell him to shut up! I'd love to see him fight Cable. Speaking of which, his new cybernetic arm is awesome, (and probably easier to draw for the remarkable Rob Liefeld). There wasn't much on Domino, but she looks cool, besides, any friend of Cable is a friend of mine

Rick leaving the team? Hopefully, he'll be back soon. Roberto's father dead? I wonder. 'Berto and Gideon know each other? Very interesting.

Also, I noticed the mention of the Taylor Foundation (owned by none other than Dwayne Taylor a.k.a. Night Thrasher of the New Warriors.) Does this mean a team-up between the New Mutants and the New Warriors? (With the fabulous Fabian Nicleza scripting both titles, how can you resist!?!) Besides, something tells me Chord and Cable know each other but don't get along too well.

Anthony Carillo 453 Merrick Road R.V.C., NY 11570

You've pegged us, Anthony. We couldn't resist. Keep watch for this year's annuals!

Dear NEW MUTANTS crew,

I will admit that I am not a reader of NEW MUTANTS, nor am I a reader of X-MEN, X-FACTOR, EXCALIBUR or just about any mutant team book. I simply don't like the unrealism of all those mutant powers.

Anyway, I wrote to tell you how I've noticed that your artist Rob Liefeld is superb. His covers are so beautiful that they stopped me in my tracks, literally, at the comic shop.

I simply want to rave over his art and that the art itself is most worth the dollar cover price.

Also I must admit that I have bought several issues of NEW MUTANTS just for the covers and the art.

Please don't let this amazingly talented artist go, (unless he wants to come over and replace Erik Larsen on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, but don't let Erik know I said that!)

In closing, I'd just like to say that I did read the NEW MUTANTS. I bought, the second part of the X-Tinction Agenda, and some earlier issues, and they were pretty good.

Rob, keep up the most excellent work, I'm now a very dedicated fan of yours.

Trev Yount 1115 S. Maple Freeport, IL 61032

Hate to tell ya', Trev, but it sounds like you're a new NEW MUTANTS fan. 'Dems da breaks!

Dear Bob and Suzanne.

Issue after issue, the more I read the more Cable impresses me as the right leader and mentor for the New Mutants, with the skill, power and attitude to back up his teachings. And now the Lady Domino shows us another side to Cable-he does have a sense of humor and a romantic side.

I do think Cable should have a roll call, and soon. The classroom is getting real empty these days. Maybe Amara Aquilla could warm up things for the New Mutants. And I don't think Cable can afford to be too picky with the team down to only three members.

> Shaun Padden 60 Ballad Ave. Rochester, NY 14626

We're betting Cable's got something up his sleeve for the team, Shaun. At least we hope so!

Dear New Mutates crew.

I've recenty read an interview with

Bob Harras and he stated that NEW MUTANTS #100 will be the last issue of NEW MUTANTS. I wish this wasn't true because I've been with the New Mutants since their graphic novel and first Issue hit the stands.

The New Mutants' storylines, thanks to Louise Simonson and artwork, thanks to Rob Liefeld, have finally gained the quality that for some reason the X-Men always have. This is one of the reasons why I'm upset that you guys are ending the series.

But during the interview Bob Harras said that Cable and his charges are being re-released by Marvel in a new series called "X-FORCE." I know this may be a little premature, but doesn't the title "X-Force" sound a little generic. I thought it might've been fun if you guys had had a contest for a new title.

Rob Liefeld has brought the New Mutants into the 90's. I hope he'll be the artist on the new series. No one else seems qualified.

I'm really going to miss the New Mutants. Especially during the time gap in between issue #100 and issue #1. The New Mutants have become irrestible! Hopefully, the new series will hold up the reputation established by Louise and Liefeld, and take our favorite mutants to new heights.

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